

(1) As we continue to endure the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, in what sense can it reasonably be said that Jesus is our only answer, our only hope? If a non-Christian asked you, “What good is Jesus Christ in the midst of this pandemic,” how would you respond?

(2) Do you think Pontius Pilate was an evil man? Or was he simply a pawn in the hands of the Jewish religious leaders? Do you think he wanted to release Jesus, but was pressured to deliver him over to be crucified?

(3) If possible, put yourself in the place of Barabbas. You’re sitting in prison, having been sentenced to death by crucifixion. You suddenly are told that Jesus of Nazareth will be crucified in your place and that you are free to go. Describe your reaction. Better still, how do you respond when you hear that Jesus was crucified in your place so that you might never face the wrath and judgment of God?

(4) How does it strike you to envision Jesus being scourged? Be specific.

(5) On the assumption that the hypothetical conversation between Pilate and his wife, Procula, actually took place, how do you think the two of them were feeling? Is it out of the realm of possibility that either or both of them might have come to faith in Jesus?